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In re Application of :  
Milstein et al. :  
Application No. 10/506,906 :  
Filed: September 7, 2004 :  
Attorney Docket No. DYCO101PUSA :  
: DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed on August 24, 2006, to make the above-identified application special based on (a) developing treatments and cures for HIV/AIDS or cancer as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section X and (b) Accelerated Examination as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section VIII.

The petition under M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section X is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(d) and MPEP § 708.02, Section X: Inventions Relating to HIV/AIDS or cancer, must be accompanied by (1) the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h); and (2) a satisfactory statement explaining how the invention contributes to the diagnosis, treatment or prevention of HIV/AIDS or cancer.

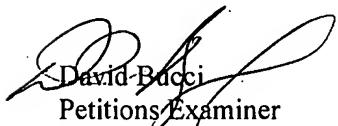
The instant petition includes statement concerning the contribution of the instant invention to HIV/AIDS and/or cancer. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

In view of the decision noted above, the petition under Accelerated Examination as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section VIII is **DISMISSED as moot**.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Ramesh Krishnamurthy at 571-272-4914, or to the undersigned at 571-272-7099.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1623 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.



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